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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Robert F. Balint, et al.

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of the Panel Decision from the Pre-Appeal Brief Review mailed June 23, 2006, and the Official Office Action Mailed March 9, 2006, Applicants provide the following remarks and amendments. A Request for Continued Examination accompanies this amendment. Furthermore, a petition for a three-month extension of time from July 23, 2006, through October 23, 2006, accompanies this response.

**A Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.